

# Randolph tests new childcare initiative

*New program to help working parents get high quality childcare at affordable rate*

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Randolph is one of four bases worldwide participating in a new Air Force Services family member program initiative that will change how some family childcare rates are set.

The new family childcare subsidy program helps working parents find high quality childcare at an affordable rate, said Kim Jackson, Air Force family member programs specialist.

Thanks to the program, Randolph parents seeking full-time childcare may now pay the same rates in FCC homes as they would at an Air Force child development center. Those seeking care often face long waiting lists at installation centers and are forced to pay higher rates elsewhere.

Under the new subsidy program, fees for full-time care in FCC homes will be set in one of six categories based on the family’s annual income, Jackson said. This mirrors the way Air Force child development centers and school age programs determine rates.

For most FCC customers, this will significantly reduce the child-care fees currently paid to home providers, Jackson said. Fees for care in FCC homes now range from \$80 to \$185 per week, per child. Costs to parents will drop \$42 to \$124 per week, per child, under the subsidy program. The Air Force family member program will pay the home providers the difference.

“Providing quality, affordable childcare for working parents is a priority for Air Force Services,” said Toni Koppen, family member programs chief. “This new program is yet another way to help installations meet their mission requirements, while improving the quality of life

for our active-duty members and (Department of Defense) civilians.”

Initially, families eligible for the subsidy include those with children younger than 3 years old, children with special needs, and children needing care during swing and midnight shifts at installations with waiting lists for CDC care, Ms. Jackson said. However, as additional funds become available and waiting lists continue at installation centers, other age groups will be added.

Ms. Koppen noted that home providers should also see an incentive in the program.

Many FCC homes are not operating at full capacity, she said. Under the new program, more parents will be able to afford high-quality care in a home environment.

“The parents will receive a high-quality product at a reasonable cost,” Koppen said.

“The providers will receive a worthy wage for their services, and the installations will benefit from the affordable child care made available so members can focus on their duties.”

To enroll in the program, families must complete a DD Form 2652 and provide documentation of the total family income. With this information, the FCC then sets fees in one of six income categories. Documentation includes the most recent leave and earnings statement or civilian equivalent for all employment of both parents. If one parent is a full-time student, proof from the academic institution indicating full-time status is needed. Base registration for the program is available at Building 662, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

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# FEHB premiums rising, open season underway

Civilian employees now have the opportunity to review and update their health care plans as the open season is underway until Dec. 8.

Air Force Civilian Health Care plan premiums are expected to increase an average of more than 10 percent in January, which means employees with ‘self-only’ coverage will pay about \$5 more per pay period and those with ‘family coverage’ will pay \$11.95 more.

The number of health plan carriers is also increasing by 17 for a total of 205 options available for employees to choose from in 2004, said Janet Thomas of the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team here.

Included in the increase of carriers are two new “consumer-driven” plans that allow employees to manage their own health care needs and health dollars. Nine health plan carriers are dropping out of the Federal Employee’s Health Benefits program this year.

“Insurance carriers leaving the FEHB or making significant service changes are required to notify their customers, and we also send letters to those affected,” said Ms. Thomas, “but it is still the employee’s responsibility to ensure his or her plan is in order.

“Open season is the best time for people to review their health care coverage — not only to make desired changes, but to ensure their plan hasn’t been altered or discontinued,” she said.

## Civilian health benefits fair set

The 2003 Randolph Federal Employee Health Benefits Fair is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center.

During the fair, health care representatives will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information.

For more information, call Sandra Knutson at 652-5153.

Office of Personnel Management officials released the FEHB guides comparing costs, benefits and quality indicators. Those guides are available online at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>. Individual plan brochures will be available soon.

“There are several guides so employees need to make sure they have selected the correct one,” said Ms. Thomas. Most full-time employees will review guide RI-70-1 and temporary employees will review RI-70-8.

More FEHB information is available on the OPM website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>.

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## Wing training timeline

### As of Wednesday Pilot Instructor Training

Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	-2.0	3.0
558th FTS	-0.3	-2.9
559th FTS	-12.7	-3.6
560th FTS	-1.0	-2.9

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

### Navigator, EWO training

	562nd FTS	563rd FTS	
Air Force	220	Undergraduate	53
Navy	72	International	0
International	2	EWC Course Fundamentals	0 12

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

### Wing Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual Required
T-1A	425	524	4,040
T-6A	1050	1150	9,103
T-37B	884	1032	7,171
T-38A	911	1131	5,674
T-43A	138	138	1,160

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 04.

## Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today		56	52
Saturday		62	52
Sunday		78	63





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**Col. Mark Graper**  
*12th Flying Training Wing commander*

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### Air show attendees gives thanks

*The following action lines are excerpts from some of the numerous letters of appreciation from local community members for the 2003 Randolph Air Show, which took place Nov. 1 and 2.*

We were very impressed with the organization and excellence of your 2003 air show.

The Blue Angels were stellar in their demonstration. The public address announcer was very informative during each part of the program. The grounds were very clean. Parking was setup with easy access and the bus scheduling was excellent.

The aircraft static displays and booths in the hangars needed a whole day to visit. The personnel wearing various WWII uniforms was also a nice touch.

Thank you for a great day.

Welton and Lorraine  
Taylor, Texas

I just had to tell someone at Randolph what a spectacular, awe inspiring, wonderfully pleasing event the air show was.

I've been a regular visitor to air shows in San Antonio since the mid 1980's, but never have I witnessed one that can compare to the one I saw Nov. 2. A job truly well done!

Tora, Tora, Tora, the re-enactment of the attack on Pearl Harbor, was quite impressive. The spectacle of the Stealth Bomber flying and maneuvering thru the air was breath

taking. The flying formation of the four various levels of air technology from the jet to the prop was ingenious.

Not once, but twice that day I saw just how far we've come in the aircraft field. Watching the Blue Angels fly was majesty in motion.

I also must complement the logistical and support planners. Once I entered the gates, there were plenty of guides to my parking area. And after the long drive, how nice to see porta potties right there in the parking lots. The soldiers doing their wand duty were polite and efficient and then an air conditioned bus to drive me to the tarmac, no one could ask for better service.

I admit, I was apprehensive about getting back to my car after the Blue Angels completed their performance. I knew getting all those people out at the same time would be quite a chore. We stood in the "B" line for maybe 10 minutes, moving forward all the while the buses came regularly, loaded up and a empty one was right there to take it's place. Again, a job well done! Thank you.

Dolores  
San Antonio

Hats off to all the Randolph personnel who planned and worked on the air show. I can't say enough good things about the friendly and helpful military police, the fantastic organizational skills exhibited regarding parking and just the show in general.

I can honestly say that I have never had a better time at an air show than the one last weekend. Incredible aircraft demonstrations, excellent food, interesting exhibits and fun

for the whole family. Randolph should be proud!

James  
Cibolo, Texas

What a great air show weekend! Please pass along my thanks to all those who worked so hard. We attended both days bringing a different grandson each day.

Your team members displayed a great example of hard working people. I saw many examples of compassion and caring by active duty, civilians and volunteers.

All those who planned this event and worked all weekend deserve a hearty thanks for a job well done!

Bob and Carol  
Schertz, Texas

**Response:** I want to thank you and everyone else who has taken the time to send us their thoughts about the 2003 Randolph Air Show.

The Randolph team is committed to serving our country, the Air Force and the local community with excellence.

It was a pleasure to open our gates and allow the public to see why Randolph is the "Showplace of the Air Force."

Again, I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's air show a success. It's the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of these men and women that made this years air show one for the history books.

On behalf of all those who participated, we sincerely appreciate the spectacular support from the local community.

# November honors Native American Heritage

**By Tech. Sgt. Aaron Jackson**  
12th Flying Training Wing Military  
Equal Opportunities Office

As we entered into the month of November, many of us have already started thinking about the holiday – Thanksgiving — and all the things that we associate with it, like food, family, friends and time off from work. All of those things are good to think about, but let us not forget that November is also Native American heritage month.

During November, we take time to celebrate and honor the history of Native Americans — we stop and pay tribute to their many contributions to the world and our beloved country.

When we talk about the contributions of America's original inhabitants, most of us

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*12th Flying Training Wing Military  
Equal Opportunities Office*

automatically think about Thanksgiving and how the Native Americans showed the Pilgrims what foods to plant and how to survive in their new home at Plymouth. Although this was very significant, it was not the only way that Native Americans have contributed to this nation. Searching

the history books, one will find that Native Americans have fought side by side with other Americans over the past 200 years, safeguarding the freedom that we love so dearly.

Many tribes were involved in the War of 1812, and they fought for both sides as auxiliary troops in the Civil War.

Native American soldiers were also known for their scouting abilities, which is why the U.S. Army established an Indian Scouting unit in 1866. The Scouts were active in the American West in the late 1800s and early 1900s, fighting for men like Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish-American War in 1898 and for General John Pershing during his expedition to Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa in 1916.

It is estimated that more than 12,000 Native Americans served in World War I, 44,000 in World War II and the Korean War, and 42,000 during the Vietnam War.

The contributions of Native Americans in the United States military continued in the 1980s and 1990s in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf, and continue even today with such military actions as Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

So, this month as we enjoy our turkey dinners, and family get togethers, let us remember to give thanks to our Native American brothers and sisters who fought and died to keep this land free and let us remember the words of an old Navajo proverb “treat all men as though they were your relative.”

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# Military veterans still serving today

**By Maj. Dani Johnson**  
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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — “I am a veteran,” – four words that still seem so strange for me to say.

In my mind, veterans have always been the men wearing American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars caps who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It hasn’t been the airman or officer you see playing with a young child in the park or have over to your house for a barbecue.

In September I returned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, from a five-month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq, and Camp Doha, Kuwait, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I didn’t think much about the term “veteran” as I quickly outprocessed there and headed here for my new assignment.

Now that I’m in my new office, I’ve had time to reflect on the past year and what being a veteran means.

During the time I was deployed, I was shot at and I was prepared to defend myself. Luckily, I didn’t have to. I worked longer hours and was more fatigued than I

ever thought I could be and still accomplished the mission.

One of my most memorable experiences was when Saddam’s sons were killed July 22. I was the public affairs operations and plans chief in the joint operations center for Headquarters Coalition Joint Task Force-Seven. Upon notification of the possible deaths, I was in charge of developing and coordinating all the guidance and preparation for the upcoming press conferences.

I will always have in my memory sitting at a laptop with five Army colonels and an Army brigadier general hanging over my shoulders “helping” me write the commanding general’s opening statement. Within 24 hours, we held two live international press conferences. It was a team effort all around. It took everyone, across all specialties, in two operations centers to prepare the general for every possible question and to inform him of the details of the operation.

Since I was on the coalition headquarters staff, I also learned much about our sister services and coalition partners. I learned that no matter what pattern is on our uniforms or the accent in our English, we were all brothers and sisters in arms together for a common

cause—to rebuild Iraq, bottom line.

Not once during that time or any other time during the deployment did I think, “When I leave here, I will be a combat veteran.” I did what I had to do with the resources I had available and left knowing that I gave everything I had and made a difference.

I’m not the only veteran here or at other bases. A veteran is an airman guarding the flightline, a captain flying the B-52H Stratofortress and an NCO working on the communication lines in the missile field. It includes many others across the base and the Air Force who are too numerous to mention here, who served recently in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Look closer at that senior NCO and lieutenant colonel; they are probably veterans of operations Allied Force and Desert Storm. Some here might even be veterans from the Vietnam War. Don’t forget our civilians either. Many of them are prior military, and served during times of conflict.

All of us have a reason to thank those who came before us. But in that gratitude, don’t forget to thank the ones standing next to you for all they’ve done. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



# Veterans' Affairs

## Loan program offers business opportunities to military vets

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Veterans' Affairs loan program, long known for helping veterans get their own home, is now helping them obtain their own business.

Veterans can now go from “defending the American dream to owning it,” said Don DeBolt, president of the International Franchise Association, which sponsors the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative program.

“It’s the one way we can focus attention to our veterans who are leaving the military and would like to have their own slice of the American dream — their own business to operate,” he said. “And the beautiful thing about franchising is that there are no glass ceilings, there are no barriers to success.”

VetFran was first introduced in the early 1990s, and officials have since worked to attract and educate members of the armed forces about the opportunities

through business ownerships and franchising, DeBolt said. VetFran officials work closely with the VA to offer franchise opportunities for retiring veterans transitioning back into civilian life, he said.

The VA “is very high on finding business opportunities for former military (members), and franchising is one of the areas (identified) to look at,” DeBolt said.

Businesses participating in VetFran have agreed to help veterans acquire franchises by providing “best-deal” programs and financial incentives not otherwise available to other investors, DeBolt said. Veterans can acquire business franchises with down payments of 10 percent or less of the initial franchise cost, which can range from \$45,000 to \$150,000.

A wide range of franchises are available including food services to hotel and automotive services. VetFran has 113 companies participating in the program, DeBolt said.

“There is a large menu in franchising... We’d like to

think that there is something for everybody,” he said, “not only in terms of their skill sets, their interest and their passions, but also from their pocketbook standpoint.”

Veterans can find franchises for a few thousand dollars in initial investment to a few million dollars, “if you’re interested in a Ritz Hotel,” DeBolt said.

Veterans must realize that owning their own business is a real possibility — that “where there is a will, there is a way,” he said. But he also suggested that before making a decision to own a business, veterans must take a personal inventory of their business interests.

“They need to know their skills sets, what they feel passionate about. They need to know the interests and desires of their families, what their families would be supportive of,” he said.

To learn more about franchise opportunities, visit the VA’s Center for Veterans Enterprise Web site at [www.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vetbiz.gov). (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

# Briefer conducts force development road shows

By Jillian Speake  
Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

Teams led by major command general officers began visits to bases recently to explain the details of the Air Force’s new force development initiative.

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., is the Air Education and Training Command briefer.

He began the force development “Spread the Word” briefings Oct. 31 at Laughlin AFB, Texas, and will visit each AETC base over the next seven weeks to ensure all officers and their supervisors understand the new concept, policies and procedures. He is visiting Randolph in mid December.

The briefings help officers understand force development’s goal to create a system that is simple, understandable and deliberate.

The new program also helps develop both the occupational skills and leadership qualities officers need to meet mission requirements, said Lt. Col. Dean Vande Hey, promotions and evaluations division chief in

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Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force chief of staff

the AETC Directorate of Personnel.

“We will also have a better feedback mechanism for people, when they’re transitioning from the tactical level of their career to the operational level of their career, in terms of what their possible career paths are and what their potential is in the Air Force,” General New said.

The key to force development is the combination of focused assignments, education and training opportunities that prepare airmen to meet the missions of today’s Air Force, according to the development video.

“The Air Force, right now, does not have a systematic way of developing our officers to become senior officers,” General New said. “This (new) force development is

designed to put more rigor to the development process and give us senior officers that have the qualifications and capabilities we need.”

Since the approval of the force development plan in the summer of 2003, aggressive efforts have been underway to have the officer corps program in full swing by December this year.

One of the people who attended AETC’s first force development briefing at Laughlin said he liked the more focused approach to career development.

“I think (the new program) has the potential to enhance the assignment system,” said Maj. Douglas Jenkins of the 47th Flying Training Wing. “I think it will help people plan for the long term vice one assignment

ahead. It will keep people from floating around without a plan for their career.”

The program also links training and education opportunities to assignment experiences, connects individual goals to Air Force needs, and enhances leadership and officer understanding to best utilize their inputs in the development and assignment process, Colonel Vande Hey said.

“Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future,” Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, said in summing up the new initiative in an Oct. 7 “Sight Picture.”

General New said he is looking forward to going out to AETC and telling everybody about the program.

“I think it’s a good positive move for the Air Force, and I’m looking forward to seeing how I can get the message across to the people out there,” he said.

For more information about the force development program, visit [www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd/](http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd/).

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

# Navigator graduates receive special recognition

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two Air Force and two Navy members received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here Nov. 7.

Second Lt. Justin Newton received the Air Education and Training Command Commander’s Cup and Ira J. Husik Award; and 2nd Lt. Brian Heck received the Jack Donovan and 563rd Electronic Warfare Officer Academic awards.

Ensign Michael French earned the Alden C. Markey Award and Ensign James Low received the 562nd Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and EWO training in the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.



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## AF starts new childcare initiative

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“We are very excited about being one of the first four bases to participate in this new program and are grateful to be able to make this new option available to Randolph families,” said Essie Howard, Randolph FCC coordinator.

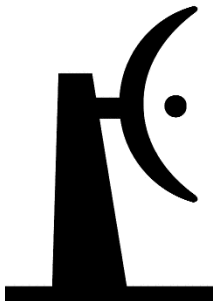
In addition to Randolph, Bolling

Air Force Base, D.C.; Andrews AFB, Md., and Langley AFB, Va. began testing the program this month. Another 47 installations will implement the program in the coming months.

For more information call 652-3668.

(Jennifer Valentin contributed to this story.)

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# Traditions continue at Order of Daedalians



Daedalian members Col. Margaret Woodward, 12th Operations Group, and WASP Ann Holoman pose beside the B-25 “Yellow Rose of Texas” during a Daedalian Hangar Party last week. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

**By Bob Hieronymus**  
Wingspread staff writer

“I promise... to place nation above self.”

The more than 15,000 current members of the Order of Daedalians have made that pledge as a part of their membership rites. For them, the pledge is nothing new. With few exceptions, they have all served their nation already, as pilots of military aircraft.

Last week, 120 Daedalians and their guests met for a “Hangar Party” on Randolph where they enjoyed the special camaraderie of the flying community and a Mini-USO show.

During the event guests could view three restored, World War II era planes including a B-25 bomber, a T-6 trainer, and an L-4 liaison aircraft.

Attendees were also entertained by the group “Piano, Silk & Satin,” which sang and danced to favorite songs of the ‘40s and ‘50s.

One special guest at the event was retired Lt. Col. Dick Cole, Jimmy Doolittle’s co-pilot on the famous 1942 raid over Tokyo. The B-25 on display was similar to the plane in which he flew on that mission.

Retired Col. Clement Bellion, national adjutant of the Order, said that the Daedalians’ objectives are to promote leadership in air and space power in support of national defense and to encourage young people

toward careers in military aviation.

“Every year we give 20 different awards recognizing outstanding accomplishments in military aviation,” Colonel Bellion said. “During 2003, we also awarded 96 scholarships to college students involved in aviation, totaling more than \$125,000. We’re serious about flying and education!” he said.

One new education program the Daedalians have started is the Cadet Flight Indoctrination Program. Now in its third year in the San Antonio area, the CFIP accepts Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from local high schools.

“The CFIP puts them through an intensive ground school curriculum and pays for their flight instruction up through their first solo,” said retired Col. Bob Karre, executive assistant at the Daedalian Foundation. The Foundation, which runs the CFIP, is separate from the Order because it is a tax-exempt foundation. “Eighteen cadets have completed the CFIP since it began, five of whom have gone on to attend military academies.” he said.

Some 14,000 aviators were commissioned during World War I, creating a sizable pool of people eligible for membership when the Order was founded in 1934.

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# Military Pilots enjoy special camaraderie

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Membership was originally limited to only those pilots who had been commissioned before the armistice that ended that war.

However, they were soon outnumbered by the 193,000 pilots commissioned in World War II, so membership qualification was expanded in the early 1950s to include this larger group. Today membership is open to all United States military pilots of heavier-than-air aircraft and to descendants of the original founders. The last of the original founders, Lt. William Crooks, died this year at the age of 109.

“One special group of pilots that had long been neglected by just about everybody is the Women Airforce Service Pilots,” Colonel Bellion said. “But 50 WASP have now joined the Order since membership was opened to them a year ago,” he said. Five WASP were inducted into the Order in a special ceremony here last May, the first time multiple inductions of WASP members took place anywhere.

Colonel Bellion pointed out that there are 77 Daedalian chapters around the country, plus another nine chapters overseas. Each chapter functions somewhat autonomously, meeting monthly to provide a venue in which members can

maintain a feeling of camaraderie with people who share their experiences and appreciation for military aviation.

The national headquarters is located on Randolph in Building 676. However, even though it is on a military installation, the headquarters was built entirely with donated money. It is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The headquarters boasts an excellent library of aviation-related books and visuals, and has displays of equipment and memorabilia related to military aviation.

For more information, call the Daedalian headquarters at 945-2111, or visit its web site at [www.daedalians.org](http://www.daedalians.org).



# New equipment improves cancer treatment

By Sue Campbell  
59th Medical Wing  
Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Wilford Hall Medical Center’s radiation oncology department recently purchased a new linear accelerator that is significantly improving patient care.

Wilford Hall officials said they began performing radiation therapy more than 30 years ago, using a cobalt unit with an active radiation source, a physical piece of radioactive material that had to be changed out periodically. A radioactive beam was directed into the patient with limited ability to shape the beam to the tumor’s shape causing normal tissues outside the tumor to be radiated as well. The cobalt unit was removed in the early 1990s and replaced with the hospital’s first linear accelerator.

Linear accelerators use microwave technology similar to radar. High-energy X-rays form a beam



**Maj. (Dr.) Cameron Pimperl (right) and radiation therapists Susan Haley and David Rivas demonstrate Wilford Hall Medical Center’s new linear accelerator. The new equipment allows providers to treat areas that were previously untreatable because of their close proximity to critical structures. (Photo by Sue Campbell)**

that matches the patient’s tumor. The beam comes out of a part of the accelerator called a gantry, which rotates around the patient. The patient lies on a moveable treatment couch and lasers are used to make sure the patient is in the proper position. Radiation can be delivered to the tumor from any

angle by rotating the gantry and moving the treatment couch.

“The linear accelerator uses very high-voltage electricity that can be turned on and off,” said Maj. (Dr.) Cameron Pimperl, radiation oncology flight commander. “When it’s turned off, there’s no source of radiation. This greatly reduces

radiation protection issues, and linear accelerators produce higher energy-radiation beams to better treat deep-seated tumors.”

The new linear accelerator also has additional capabilities, officials said.

“It can be almost completely controlled by computer,” Major Pimperl said. “Therapists can now set up instructions involving 20 or 30 consecutive segments of radiation beams, where before we could practically treat only four to six with manual control.”

The result is that patients receive more customized dose distribution, and the radiation can be very closely shaped to fit the shape of any tumor, officials said.

“With the previous accelerator, we could produce simple geometric dose distributions,” Pimperl said. “With the new equipment, we can form literally any shape, even complex, convoluted shapes.

There is still plenty of human involvement, as technicians constantly monitor the process and adjust parameters as needed.

“It can streamline the process for the staff, but the main benefit is to the patient,” Major Pimperl said. “It is very critical that you radiate the correct areas, covering the cancer but avoiding critical structures that can be permanently damaged by the radiation treatment. This technology allows us to treat complex-tumor shapes in very close proximity to critical structures.”

Another improvement with the new equipment is electronic portal imaging which allows the radiologist to immediately tell if he or she radiated the correct area. It provides instant feedback on the position, officials said.

“Our patients want to hear that only the area that needs the radiation will be affected,” said the major. “Our patients naturally want the most state-of-the-art technology.

This definitely gives them the best treatment and will save the government money by not having to refer patients to civilian medical facilities.”

# America at War



*“The world is safer and freedom is more secure because of our military. And our military is stronger because each of you volunteered to serve.*

*Our mission in Iraq goes on, and the war on terror is far from finished. The road ahead is difficult and dangerous, but I have complete confidence in you. And I know that America and our friends will prevail.”*

**President George W. Bush**  
Exert from a message via the American Forces Radio and Television Service Nov. 5 to servicemembers in Iraq

## Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 122 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

## Pace reminds Americans U.S. is a ‘Nation at War’

**By Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said the United States is winning the war in Afghanistan and Iraq and that America is making progress in the global war on terrorism.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace also said the rotation plan for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan is a good one and a signal that the United States is in for the long haul.

Pace conducted a round-robin series of

interviews with television stations in Houston, Atlanta, Denver, Dallas and Seattle Nov. 6.

He said since Sept. 11, 2001, “we have been a nation at war and we are winning this war in Afghanistan. We are winning this war in Iraq. We are winning this war against the global networks and we will continue to do so. But it requires commitments of not only the individuals in uniform who are doing this, but our entire government and, indeed, our citizenry.”

Pace praised Congress for passing the \$87 billion supplemental request. The money includes \$20 billion for rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan. Some of that money will go to training Iraqi security forces — a goal of the Bush administration since the fall of Baghdad.

The vice chairman explained that the Iraqis taking over a greater share of the security burden will help the nation along the path to self-government. If all goes well the next force rotation will mean a cut in U.S. troop levels in Iraq from 130,000 today to about 105,000 in May 2004.

But the total number of security personnel will actually go up, he said. “We started out with about 160,000 U.S. troops and zero Iraqi troops and about 12,000 non-Iraqi coalition members back in May (2003),” he said. Today there are about 118,000 Iraqis participating in security forces in the country. Officials estimate that number will grow to about 150,000 Iraqis in June 2004 and to about 200,000 by the end of 2004.

Iraqi security forces have taken over much of the policing, the border patrols and infrastructure protection. “Those are the kinds of security positions that the Iraqi

forces will be replacing coalition and U.S. forces,” General Pace said. “There will still be three very, very capable, competent U.S. divisions on the ground in Iraq. There will still be two very capable and competent coalition force divisions on the ground. So our capability to take this fight to the enemy will be sustained.”

General Pace said President Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld have repeatedly told Army Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of U.S. Central Command, and Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, that they can have whatever resources it takes to win the war.

“These are the numbers that those commanders on the ground who are working this problem day to day say they need to get the job done,” General Pace said.

But security alone is not enough. Transferring governance to the Iraqi people is important so the Iraqis don’t see the United States and its allies as occupying forces.

“We are there to turn their country back over to them with a constitution that they have written, with a form of government that they have selected, that will allow them to live free and be part of the community of nations,” said General Pace.

The general added that the United States will continue to take the fight to the enemy, but will also work to improve infrastructure and speed the political process. All these must go hand-in-hand, he noted.

More than 47,000 reserve component service members are part of the next Iraq and Afghanistan rotation. The general said recruiting and retention for the reserve components has remained high, but it is

something DoD must keep an eye on. “We don’t want to assume that just because right now the numbers are good that they’ll stay that way,” he said.

General Pace said first, the DoD must ensure the missions assigned reserve component personnel are good ones. Second, DoD must be careful to not call on the reserve components too often. “Number three, we need to make sure that we take care of their families and that we respect the absolute right for them to know when they’re going to be called up, how long they’re going to be on active duty, and when we’re going to let them go back to their civilian jobs,” he said.

The general commented on current operations in Iraq. He said there are always spikes in violence, but the American people must see the whole picture. He said there is more electrical power than under Saddam. The country is exporting oil again. The health system is up and working and receiving necessary upgrades.

“There are 97,000 Iraqi students who have applied to the university system,” he said. “That’s more than they’ve ever had in recent times. There are many ways you can measure progress in a country.”

“This not to make light of a single death to a U.S. or coalition soldier. Each one of those is a tragedy. But we are winning this war,” he concluded.

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# Gift of life

## Expectant military spouses will soon have two delivery options

**By Janet Dyer**  
59th Medical Wing customer relations flight chief

Starting a family can be a stressful adventure, and giving birth can be daunting, even for an experienced mother.

Luckily, expectant military spouses will have more choices than ever starting this December, when it comes to the birth of their children.

After Dec. 28, all TRICARE-eligible women, with the exception of active duty members, who find out they are pregnant can choose a military or civilian maternity provider.

Currently, all non-active duty TRICARE-eligible females are required to obtain a Non-Availability Statement before TRICARE will assist with payment for civilian maternity care. Although, some exceptions to this rule do apply.

If a woman has another civilian health insurance plan or lives outside the 40-mile catchment area of a military facility, they are not required to obtain an NAS and can deliver at a civilian facility. But, with the new change, women can now choose where they would like to deliver without having to apply for an NAS ahead of time.

However, one disadvantage to selecting a civilian provider is that the patient must dis-enroll from TRICARE Prime and could incur significant out-of-pocket expenses, warned officials, which is why local expectant military mothers are encouraged to take advantage of Wilford Hall Medical Center’s state-of-the-art birthing center when it comes to the birthing process and delivery of their children.

“Both the Wilford Hall Medical Center’s birthing center and obstetrics clinic, located at Lackland, are very family-oriented,” said Army Lt. Col. Leslie Rendeiro, certified nurse-midwife at the birthing center. “Children are welcome to come along with their mothers to the return OB appointments and there is even a sibling class offered for those women who are considering letting their older children view their own labor and delivery process.”

In addition, the entire fifth floor of Wilford Hall is practically a “one-stop-shopping area” for mothers-to-be officials said. The OB clinic and birthing center are conveniently located on the same floor.

Expectant mothers can also ask to participate in one of

*“Hopefully, the information and support we provide will help (mothers) to feel empowered to make informed decisions. Ideally, (their) fear of the unknown should decrease and (they) and (their) family will have a good experience.”*

**Army Lt. Col. Leslie Rendeiro**  
Certified nurse-midwife at the birthing center

the center’s continuity clinics, officials added.

These clinics provide an increased comfort level by allowing the patient to see the same one or two providers during the course of the prenatal visits. Continuity clinics also provide the convenience of appointments during a set block of time within each week for the new mother to establish a routine schedule with a provider.

Wilford Hall made history three years ago when the Hauth Birthing Center opened its doors. While the birthing center concept is becoming more popular, the Hauth Birthing Center is the first of its kind in the Department of Defense.

The center provides the entire birthing process from labor to discharge in one room. This convenience allows the new mom to stay in one spot and not have to move from room to room as she goes through the various stages of the birth of her child.

The Hauth Birthing Center has a private room and bath for each mother and baby. In addition, the spouse or significant other is welcome to stay for the entire hospital experience in the same room. Siblings and other family members are also welcome to visit with the new mom and baby. Some DoD and civilian facilities have birthing rooms, but none are as well-equipped or complete as those in the Hauth Birthing Center, said Colonel Rendeiro.

“The staff at a military hospital understands the unique needs of military patients and families,” Colonel Rendeiro explained. “We are better educated on convalescent issues, profiles for active duty women, humanitarian needs, commander assistance and Red Cross support.”

“Civilian medical care facilities are not aware of the

unique situations the active duty military and their beneficiaries face.”

“We also have on-base family support services, as well as special family advocacy programs for new parents who have special needs,” she said.

Randolph mothers-to-be should visit the Randolph Family Support Center to enroll or learn more about these programs.

Since August, the San Antonio area military obstetrics clinics, which include Wilford Hall Medical Center, Randolph, and Brooke Army Medical Center, have implemented new DoD clinical practice guidelines for low-risk pregnancies. These guidelines were developed to improve health care services for pregnant women and are dedicated to the philosophy of family-centered care.

Improvements include custom-fit prenatal education, more convenient parking, lactation support programs, birthing plans, sibling classes and comprehensive pain management. While moms-to-be who have been through the pregnancy scene before might seem to have the advantage, this new program is aimed at both first-time and experienced mothers.

“Every pregnancy is different, even to the same woman,” Colonel Rendeiro said.

The new DoD guideline provides each woman with a goal-oriented booklet to guide her prenatal care. Both the mother and the provider follow these instructions so they are on the same page at any stage of the pregnancy.

This booklet details what a woman can expect at each prenatal visit, describes how her body will change, how her baby is growing, etc. She can document information, keep track of her own blood pressure and weight gain, and log specific questions or concerns to bring to her appointments.

“Hopefully, the information and support we provide will help her to feel empowered to make informed decisions. Ideally, her fear of the unknown should decrease and she and her family will have a good experience,” Colonel Rendeiro said.

For more information on the maternity care services within Wilford Hall or to arrange a tour of the birthing center, call 292-2449 or 292-6100.

For more information on base family advocacy programs, call the Randolph FSC at 652-5321.

E-mail Wingspread submissions to [wingspread@randolph.af.mil](mailto:wingspread@randolph.af.mil)

ELDP nominees needed

The Department of Defense has requested a minimum of two Air Force nominees to participate in the 2004 Executive Leadership Development program, scheduled to begin in September 2004.

This program is designed specifically for highly motivated, active duty officers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, commitment to public service, integrity and who have an interest in moving into senior management positions.

To be eligible, an officer must be in the grade of major and have completed squadron officer school and intermediate developmental education, either in-residence or by correspondence/seminar. Active duty officers must apply no later than Feb. 15, 2004.

More information is available on the Air Force Personnel Web site, at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme).

News Briefs

For more information, or for an application to the program, call the military personnel flight customer service element at 652-1845.

AETC special duty applications available

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team is taking applications.

For recruiter opportunities, visit [www.rs.af.mil/RST.htm](http://www.rs.af.mil/RST.htm), or call 652-3511; for military training instructor information, visit [www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm](http://www.lackland.af.mil/737web/main.cfm), or call 652-1018; and for military training leader opportunities, visit <https://hq2af.keesler.af.mil/MTL>.

Quarterly assignment listing available

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments for the July through September 2004 cycle is now available.

Individuals need to work through the military personnel flight to update their preferences by Thursday. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-December.

Lists can be viewed at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/enlisted.htm>, or at the MPF.

UFT board to convene

The next Undergraduate Flying Training Board will meet March 2, 2004, at the Air Force Personnel Center. This selection board reviews applications for pilot and navigator only.

For more information on application procedures, call the military personnel flight at 652-3156.

Civilian health care premiums expected to increase

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All Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make their open season changes by one of two methods:

- AFPC's Employee Benefits Information System web site at [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST\\_GRB/EBIS.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm). Employees with self and family coverage or other insurance can use the BEST web automated system to make their elections and avoid having to transfer to a

counselor to complete their transaction. Another advantage of making the election via the web is employees can print a copy of their health benefits election form (SF 2809) as soon as they complete their election.

- The BEST automated phone system at (800) 997-2378 or locally at 527-2378. Hearing impaired employees may call the TDD line at (800) 382-0893 or locally 565-2276.

During this open season, eligible

employees may also enroll in the Flexible Spending Account program for calendar year 2004. There are two types of FSA accounts: the Health Care Flexible Spending Account and the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. FSA enrollment is conducted directly with SHPS Inc., the program administrator, at <https://www.-fsafeds.com/fsafeds> or (877) 372-3337, or TDD: (800) 952-0450.

Employees eligible for FEHB, even if

not currently enrolled, are eligible to elect a Health Care FSA. All employees with qualified dependents may enroll in the Dependent Care FSA except temporary employees with no fixed work schedule whose tour of duty is six months or less. Additional information regarding the FSA program is available on the BEST Homepage and the FSAFEDS Web site.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

# AFOSI workshop highlights forensic sciences

*Meeting provides liaison opportunity between OSI, medical specialists, legal and civilian community*

**Jillian Speake**  
Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

More than 120 criminal investigators from all over the world attended the annual Air Force Office of Special Investigations Workshop at the base theater Nov. 3-7 to share ideas, technology and expertise.

Although criminal investigators were the target audience, OSI members were asked to invite anyone on their installation or any of their local contacts who would benefit from the training.

The number of different police departments and detectives from all over the United States helped the workshop provide a liaison opportunity between the OSI agents, medical specialists, legal professionals and the civilian community.

“I would say the vast majority of our investigations that are run in OSI are going to involve, to some degree, another investigative agency be it local, state or federal,

so having those working relationships is going to increase what we can do and what we can provide... in the final product,” said Special Agent Julie Lecea, forensic sciences consultant in the OSI Detachment 401. “It’s valuable for us to have these connections so we know how other agencies can help us and they know how we can help them.”

The workshop also helped provide training to criminal investigators in forensic sciences by having experts in various fields give an overview about their specialty.

“Some of the (experts) we have here are the guys who literally wrote the book on all these different topics and we’re very lucky to have them come out and speak to us,” Special Agent Lecea said. “Our goal was to bring their expertise to the students and teach how their science can come to bear on any of our investigations.”

The conference covered such topics as child abuse investigations, forensic anthropology, entomology, crime scenes involving weapons of mass destruction, asphyxia and sex related deaths, drug testing, shaken impact syndrome and various types of wounds.

The students are not the only ones who learned from the expert speakers. Marshall Littleton, special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, who spoke on the evolution of fire, also took away valuable information.

“I have been thoroughly impressed with the speakers brought in,” Mr. Littleton said. “Each one of them, in their individual scientific disciplines, has given me the

opportunity to add one more tool to my investigative toolbox. They have given me the opportunity to broach a subject from a little different perspective because I didn’t realize that expertise even existed.”

Criminal investigators always refer to the different tools they have in their “toolbox” to help solve crimes, Special Agent Lecea said. Investigators are constantly trying to add new tools, techniques, databases, resources and technology that can help solve cases.

“A criminal investigator, in my opinion, has to be a jack-of-all-trades,” Special Agent Lecea said. “You have to be able to get into any crime that has taken place and understand all the different players involved. Knowing how to put that (information) together will determine if you’re successful or not. Essentially, we’re giving them the tools to do that.”

For example, Larry Stewert, the laboratory director at the U.S. secret service forensic lab briefed on a number of different databases available to the laboratory that are not available to anyone else in the country. He told the investigators if anyone had cases that would benefit from the database to send it to the lab and he’d see what could be done to support the investigation efforts.

“Local police departments may not have known that the secret service laboratory can do ‘x, y and z’ and now they do,” Special Agent Lecea said. “The next time they have a case where ‘x’ might help them, they’re going to call the secret service laboratory. That’s invaluable in criminal investigations; knowing where to go to get expertise.”

Be a survivor, always have a designated driver



# Randolph Community Bulletin Board



## Miscellaneous

### RFISD Board of Trustees opening

The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers to fill some vacancies. Eligible applicants include base enlisted members, civilian employees or adult dependents.

All volunteers meet a nomination board chaired by the 12th Support Group commander and deputy commander, and the top three finalists for each vacancy are forwarded to the Texas State Board of Education, which then makes the final selection.

People interested in volunteering can pick up an application at the 12th SPTG commander’s office in the “Taj Mahal” or request one by e-mail to 12sptg.ccs-@randolph.af.mil. Applications must be submitted by Nov. 21.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Allen Blume at 652-1205.

### ROWC craft bazaar scheduled

The Randolph Officers’ Wives’ Club is holding its craft bazaar Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center.

There will be more than 100 tables of craft merchandise available for purchase. The entry fee is \$2.

If interested in being a vendor, or for more information on the bazaar, call Dennette Conroy at 566-1854.

### Commissary holiday hours set

The commissary starts its holiday hours Saturday through Dec. 21, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 652-5102.

### Course offered

The Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute is hosting the Joint Operations Medical Manager’s Course Jan. 11-16 at the Hilton Austin Airport in Austin, Texas.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Miguel Ramirez at 221-9218.

To register, call Master Sgt. Carlos Rodriguez at 221-9029.

### ALS graduation set

The Randolph Airman Leadership School graduation and awards ceremony for class 04-1 is Dec. 4, with the social at 6 p.m. and the ceremony at 6:30 p.m., at the enlisted club.

The cost is \$14 for club members and \$16 for non-members.

People must RSVP by Nov. 26 to Staff Sgt. Eric Kerr at 652-5283.

### Housing office closure

The housing office is closed Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 28.

For more information, call 652-4102.

### AETC Top 3 meeting

The Air Education and Training Command Top 3 meets 3 p.m. Tuesday in the enlisted club.

For more information, visit [www.hqaetctop3.org](http://www.hqaetctop3.org), or call Senior Master Sgt. Angela Dodd at 652-1996.

### Ambassador applications available

Randolph Ambassador applications for 2004 are available in the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office in the “Taj Mahal,” room 106B in the west basement.

The competition is open to all active-duty Air Force members and Department of Defense civilians assigned to any unit here. The deadline is Nov. 21.

For more information, call 652-4407.

### Thrift shop opening

The thrift shop is open for sales and consignments Saturday. Consignments are from 9 a.m. to noon, and sales are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on what is accepted, call 658-5990.



Building 693

Telephone: 652-5321

### Pharmacy volunteers needed

The Randolph Pharmacy is currently seeking volunteers. For more information, call 652-3060.

### Jr. Smooth Move seminar set

Make moving less stressful for the family with the Jr. Smooth Move seminar Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 652-5321.

### Volunteer opportunities available

For volunteer opportunities, call Sandra Nichols at 652-3060.

### Driving safety course offered

A driving safety course is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

To sign up, call the South Texas Safety Council at 824-8180.

### Drug, Alcohol Driving Awareness Program

The next Drug, Alcohol Driving Awareness program course is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at the family support center.

By attending the 6-hour course participants can receive up to a five percent discount on automobile insurance.

For more information, call 824-8180.



Building 208

Telephone: 652-5964

### St. Mary’s University registration continues

Early registration for the spring term continues through the end of November. Course schedules are on-line at [www.stmarytx.edu](http://www.stmarytx.edu) under the registrar’s office link, or a hard copy is available at the St. Mary’s office in the education center. The Randolph office is closed Nov. 26 to 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For information, call 658-4852.

### ERAU graduation set

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, San Antonio Center, graduation ceremony is 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Randolph Officers’ Club. Center faculty chair, Retired Lt. Gen. David McIlvoy, is the keynote speaker.

For more information, call ERAU at 659-0801.

### Teacher certification seminar offered

A St. Mary’s University Graduate School representative will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the education center to talk with people interested in teacher certification.

For more information, call 226-3360.

### SMU representative available

A representative from the School of Engineering from Southern Methodist University is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the education center.

For more information, call 348-7689.

### MGIB monthly entitlements increased

On Oct. 1, the Montgomery GI Bill monthly entitlements for a full time student enrolled in a Regionally or Nationally Accredited college or university increased to \$985 per month. The MGIB provides active duty and veterans up to 36 months of education benefits.

The MGIB total entitlement is now over \$35,000. Benefits may be used while on active duty or as a veteran for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship or on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Individuals using the MGIB while on active duty receive tuition and fees only, not to exceed the monthly entitlement received by the veteran taking the same course load.

Benefits may be used after two years of active service and for 10 years from the day of separation, or until the full 36 months of entitlement is used.

If you have questions, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or call the education center at 652-5964.



Building 102

Telephone: 652-6121

### Protestant

**Sunday** - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1

**Monday** - Male chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Tuesday** - Men’s Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Autumn Winds visit at 2 p.m. at the Autumn Winds Retirement Home; Children’s choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; Chancel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1; Christmas musical rehearsal at 7:45 p.m. in chapel 1

**Wednesday** - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Women’s Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Thursday** - Precepts Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center

### Catholic

**Friday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday**- St. Joseph’s Mens’ Group at 8 a.m. in chapel 1; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Eucharistic Adoration

**Sunday**- Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Religious Education classes at 9:45 a.m. at the Randolph Elementary School; Mass at 10:30 a.m. in chapel 2; Mass at 11:30 a.m. at chapel 2

**Monday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

**Tuesday**- Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

**Wednesday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1;

**Thursday** - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; Cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Traditional choir practice at 7:30 p.m. in chapel 2

### Ecumenical:

**Monday**- Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

**Wednesday** - Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center



Building 100

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

### Today

**“The Fighting Temptations”** (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Cuba Gooding Jr. - A New York City executive travels back to his hometown in Georgia and attempts to create a gospel choir.

### Saturday

**“School of Rock”** (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Jack Black - A rock guitarist teaches fourth grade at a private school after leaving his band.

### Sunday

**“Duplex”** (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Drew Barrymore - A couple attempts to buy a converted duplex apartment in a perfect neighborhood.

### Nov. 21

**“Out of Time”** (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Denzel Washington - A police chief in a small town “borrows” money to run away with the love of his life, only to later find out she will betray him.

### Nov. 22

**“The Grinch”** (PG), 2 p.m., Starring Jim Carrey - A green monster dresses up as Santa Claus and steals gifts from a happy town.

This screening is to benefit the Toys for Tots program. Each person that donates a new toy, not to exceed \$10, will be admitted free to the movie. The toys will be distributed among low income families for the Christmas holiday.

**“Intolerable Cruelty”** (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring George Clooney - A slick divorce lawyer frames the wife of a client so the client does not have to be involved in a settlement.



# Base offers monthly activities



@ your service

## Youth Center 652-2088

### Family and Teen Talent Contest set

The Family and Teen Talent Contest is Nov. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Randolph High School Gymnasium.

### School Age registration underway for Christmas Camp

Parents and guardians register for School Age Christmas Camp Monday through Friday between 6:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Building 585. Christmas Camp runs from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

### Basketball registration dates set

Basketball registration for youth ages 5 to 18 runs through Nov. 22 at the youth center. The cost is \$35 per player and \$70 per family. Interested youth must have current activity fees.

### Coaches needed

Adults interested in coaching youth basketball can pick up an application at the youth center, or call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

### Gift wrapping fundraiser scheduled

Requests from units and private organizations that are interested in participating in the Holiday Gift Wrapping Program fundraiser from Nov. 28 to Dec. 24 at the base exchange are now being accepted.

This program gives organizations the opportunity to raise funds for unit functions.

The BX provides the location, a table, chairs, gift boxes, wrapping paper and tissue paper; and interested units must provide workers, a change fund, scissors, tape and nametags.

Participating units receive all of the profits made from donations during their shifts.

For more information about times and available dates, call Randy Harris at 652-3012, or e-mail [randy.harris@randolph.af.mil](mailto:randy.harris@randolph.af.mil).

Requests for approval to participate in the Holiday Gift Wrapping Program fundraiser can be submitted to O.B. Forry, by calling 652-7366 or e-mailing [ob.fory@randolph.af.mil](mailto:ob.fory@randolph.af.mil).

### Customer service feedback survey

Headquarters Air Force Services Agency is conducting its annual customer feedback survey to find out how customers feel about its services, programs and activities. The responses from this survey help drive policy and program decisions.

People have already been chosen at random to take the survey. Services ask that these people take the time to fill it out.

For more information about the survey, call Shelta Reese at 652-2052.

## Human resources 652-5273

### Open Season for NAF employees set

Open Season for the Department of Defense Health Benefits Program is now in progress for all regular Non-Appropriated Funds employees.

If an employee did not enroll in the program when first entitled, now is the time to enroll with eligible family members if applicable.

This is also an opportunity to cancel health coverage, if no longer needed.

Open Season ends today, with coverage and/or changes becoming effective Jan. 1, 2004.

## Enlisted Club 652-3056

### Weekly Happenings

**Sunday** - Big Bucks Bingo, 3 p.m.

**Monday through Wednesday,**

Bingo, 7 p.m., early bird 6 p.m.

**Wednesday** - Pool tournament, Gil's Pub, \$5 entry fee, 5 p.m.

Jazz, Gil's Pub, 5 to 10 p.m.

**Thursday** - Wild, Wild West Nights in the ballroom; country/western from 7 to 10 p.m.

**Friday** - Variety night in Gil's Pub from 8 p.m. to midnight; super social, 5 to 7 p.m.; after work mixer, 4 to 9 p.m.; and night club, hip-hop headquarters, 9 p.m.

### Focus group scheduled

The enlisted club is looking for ways to improve the club, in particular the entertainment offered.

Interested people can sign up at the enlisted club to participate in a one-time focus group meeting.

The enlisted club is working around schedules to establish a meeting time.

The meeting can be scheduled for early morning, noon or after work. Light refreshments will be provided.

## Officers' Club 652-4864

### Weekly Happenings

**Sunday** - Champagne brunch,

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday through Friday** -

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Thursday** - Bingo, 7 to 10 p.m., Sky Lounge

**Friday** - Prime rib night, 6 to 9:30 p.m., dining room and social hour, 5 to 6 p.m., Sky Lounge and Auger Inn

### Football Frenzy

National Football League fans can watch games Monday nights and Sundays at Gil's Pub at the enlisted club or at the Auger Inn at the officers' club.

During Football Frenzy, club members have the chance to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl as well as other prizes.

## Fitness Center 652-4311

### Combat Fitness Run scheduled

The Combat Fitness Run begins at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Form up at 6:50 a.m. at Eberle Park. Participants will jog in

formation along a designated 1.5 mile course. To sign up contact your unit's designated sports representative.

## Great American Smoke-Out 5K Run/Walk set

People can help support a smoke-free environment by participating in the Great American Smoke-Out 5K Run/Walk Thursday. The run/walk begins at 11 a.m. at Hangar 71, following the sign-ups at 10:30 a.m.

Goodie bags are given to each participant and turkeys are going to be given away to several competitors.

## ITT 652-2301

### Rodeo tickets available soon

Rodeo tickets will soon be available for purchase at Information, Tickets and Travel. The ticket cost will be \$37.50 per person, per show, with all seats in Section 126.

The following performers are scheduled to play at the event:

**Montgomery Gentry** - Feb. 6,

7:30 p.m.

**Alabama-Farewell Tour** - Feb. 7,

1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Pat Green** - Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

**Journey** - Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

**Brad Paisley** - Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

**Gary Allan** - Feb. 14, 1 p.m.

**Clay Walker** - Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

**Bronco El Gigante De America** -

Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.

**Robert Earl Keen** - Feb. 21, 1 p.m.

**Willie Nelson** - Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.

### Sea World season passes available

Sea World 2004 season passes are now available for \$49.50 for children three years old and up to adults. Two-year 2004/2005 season passes are also available for \$78.50 for children three years old and up to adults.

If people purchase passes now they can visit the park for the rest of the 2003 season. With every season pass people receive a 10 percent discount on food, beverages or merchandise purchased.

### Six Flags season passes available

Six Flags season passes are now available for \$48.50 and season parking passes are available for \$16. With every season pass purchased customers receive a 10 percent discount on food, beverages or merchandise purchased.

### Laredo shopping tour set

The next Laredo shopping tour is Nov. 29. The bus departs Building 897 at 7:45 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes round trip transportation and a tour guide.

### Dickens on the Strand date set

A trip is planned for Dickens on the Strand in Galveston, Texas, Dec. 5 to 7.

The trip includes coach transportation, hotel, a tour of the Williams and Menard homes, Hand Bell Concert, tour of the ship Elisa, a Welch Breakfast and admission to the Strand. The cost is \$230 per person based on double occupancy.

## November Calendar

Today

**Rob Carter**, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, officers' club

Today through Dec. 9

**Registration for Christmas Camp**, Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., school age, youth center  
**Give Parents a Break**, 5 to 11 p.m., child development center annex and youth center  
**Fun and Fitness Fair**, noon to 4 p.m., youth center

Saturday

Tuesday and Wednesday

**Children's story hour for preschoolers**, 10 a.m., library

Wednesday

**Boating Safety Course**, 6 to 8 p.m., outdoor adventure, Building 1139

**Combat Fitness Run**, 7 a.m., Eberle Park, contact your unit sports representative

Thursday

**Monthly Members Birthday Buffet**, 6 to 8:30 p.m., officers' club

**Great American Smoke Out 5K Run/Walk**, 11 a.m., fitness center annex, Hangar 71

Nov. 21

**Bubba Littrell and Dolly Parton impersonator**, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., officers' club

**Birthday Celebration**, 2:15 p.m., child development center

Nov. 22

**Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Randolph High School gymnasium

Nov. 25

**Military Family Appreciation Month coffee and muffins social**, 6:30 to 9 a.m., child development center

Nov. 27

**Thanksgiving Meal**, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Rendezvous Dining Facility Thanksgiving Buffet, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., reservations needed, officers' club

**Thanksgiving Buffet**, 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., reservations needed, enlisted club

**Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament**, \$10 per person, Randolph Oaks Golf Course

**Thanksgiving Day Special open bowling**, 1 to 9 p.m., \$1.50 per person, per game, bowling center

**Family Day Bowling Special**, 1 to 8 p.m., bowling center

Nov. 28

## Airmen's Dining Facility

Building 860 — 652-5533  
*Recorded Menu*  
652-MEAL (6325)

**Weekday meals:**  
5:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.  
Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carry out

**Weekends and Holidays:**  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner  
No carry out



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# Higher learning

## Seniors, military spouses can now apply for EWC college scholarship

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Enlisted Wives Club is accepting submissions for its annual college scholarship program. Last year, the organization awarded nine scholarships totaling \$12,000. This year, the club hopes to award even more. Seniors from MacArthur, Judson, Clemens, Madison, Roosevelt and Randolph High Schools have the chance to receive scholarships. “We want to give local seniors the chance to earn a scholarship, in order to help them out with their upcoming college expenses,” said Mary Burns, EWC scholarship chairperson. Unlimited nominations are accepted from each school, and

recipients must be family members of active duty, retired or deceased non-commissioned officers. Students from the top half of their graduating class who plan to attend an accredited vocational institution can also compete for a vocational scholarship. If there is no student that meets this criteria, the scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to major in a vocational field at a two- or four-year college or university, said Ms. Burns. One special education scholarship is also awarded to a special education student who plans to seek employment and maintain a taxpayers’ position in the community after graduation. “This scholarship is awarded based on need and ability, and the recommendation of a school guidance counselor. It can be used toward transportation, clothing or other related

work needs,” said Ms. Burns. “All scholarship forms are available at the participating schools’ counselors’ offices or from myself.” The deadline for the special education and vocational scholarships is Feb. 1, 2004. The EWC also has applications available at the education office for spouse scholarships. Spouses interested in applying for a scholarship must be enrolled in an accredited college or university pursuing a bachelor’s degree. All applicants must be an enlisted spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased enlisted member living and working in the Randolph area. The deadline to apply for this scholarship program is in April 2004. For more information on the scholarships, call Ms. Burns at 658-8131.

### We are all Recruiters



*Each member in the Air Force is an “ambassador in blue” in the local communities. Each person can make a difference in the decision for someone to join the Air Force. Here are some tips on how you can help the recruiting effort.*

- ❑ Be a role model in your community.
- ❑ Talk to young people in grocery stores at the checkout line, dry cleaners or while shopping.
- ❑ Get involved with youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations.
- ❑ Volunteer as a recruiter for a week.
- ❑ Work with your local recruiting squadron and set up some time to visit classrooms to talk about your experience.
- ❑ Talk about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you’ve had because you joined.
- ❑ Talk about why you are staying in the Air Force.

- ❑ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.
- ❑ Work with the public affairs office and support base tours for local recruiters. Get local high school guidance counselors and principals involved with base activities.
- ❑ Establish an “Adopt a High School Program,” where local high schools are brought in for base tours and Air Force members in each unit can talk about their experiences in the service.
- ❑ Invite local school leaders and counselors for base orientations, certainly events like air shows.
- ❑ Remember to keep your public affairs office informed of these activities mentioned.

Contact the 12th FTW Public Affairs office at 652-4410 for more information.



# Good Neighbor:

## Policy determines use of base heating, air conditioning units

*(This “Good Neighbor column is designed to help Team Randolph members be good stewards of our historic infrastructure. The column is planned to alternate with “Construction Corner” and will include helpful tips from the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron for facility managers and housing residents. I appreciate your continuing efforts to help maintain Randolph as the Showplace of the Air Force! - Col. Greg Patterson, 12th Support Group commander)*

Randolph consumes significant amounts of energy in support of its mission. With limited energy reserves, restrictive budgets and potential pollution of the environment, the base is required to establish policies to responsibly allocate and control energy use. Because of this, the Energy Management Steering Group implemented a policy in April 2002 for base facilities to determine activation and deactivation dates for base heating and air conditioning systems, which greatly improves the base’s energy reduction efforts.

Under the policy guidelines, base members can deactivate air conditioning systems when the extended (five-day) weather forecast shows no high temperatures above 80 degrees during the fall season. Also, members can activate heating systems when the extended weather forecast shows two or more consecutive days with low temperatures below 50 degrees and no high temperatures above 75 degrees.

During the spring season, base members can deactivate heating systems when the extended weather forecast shows two or more consecutive days with high temperatures above 75 degrees and no low temperatures below 50 degrees. Base members can activate air conditioning systems when the extended five-day weather forecast shows no high temperatures less than 80 degrees.

Priority for heating and air conditioning system activation is given to visiting airmen’s quarters, visiting officers’ quarters and dormitories. Residents of military family housing have individual heating and air conditioning systems with occupant controls.

The Randolph Energy Management Steering Group must approve deviations from this policy. Written requests for approval can be submitted to Roger Kiker, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron energy manager at 652-5205.

# Honoring the Centennial of Flight

**By Bob Hieronymus**  
Wingspread staff writer

*Honoring the Centennial of Flight is a series of short vignettes honoring the anniversary of remarkable events related to the first 100 years of aerial history.*

Nov. 14, 1910 marked the birth of U.S. naval aviation. On that day, Eugene Ely, a civilian flying for Curtiss Aircraft Company, took off from the U.S. Navy cruiser Birmingham. An 80-foot long wooden ramp had been specially built on the cruiser’s forward deck for the test.

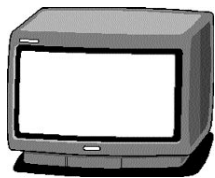
Without waiting for the ship to start moving to give him additional headwind, Mr. Ely gunned his 50 horsepower engine for all the brakes could stand and started his takeoff roll. Even the five degree downward slope of the launching deck and the 37 foot

drop to water level did not keep him from actually getting his wheels wet before he had enough airspeed to fly away from the ship, but he proved that an airplane could take off from a ship.

The following January, Ely successfully demonstrated that an aircraft could also land on a ship when he brought his little biplane down on a specially built 134 foot platform mounted crossways on the cruiser Pennsylvania. Since he could not swim, Ely was reported to have worn an inflated bicycle inner tube as a life preserver, just in case the experiment failed.

As a result of these two feats, the Navy awarded a \$25,000 contract to Glen Curtiss for two airplanes and U.S. naval aviation was launched. Ely was killed flying in an exhibition nine months later, but his courage and skill earned him a place in aviation’s records.

## Commander’s Access Channel



*On base TVs connected to cable*

People who have televisions connected to cable on base have the capability of viewing the Commander’s Access Channel, channel 21. The access channel provides real-time information about base events and other activities of interest to members of the Randolph community. The access channel is especially useful when people need to find out details about inclement weather reporting procedures, real-world or exercise activities, gate closures or other events that affect operations at Randolph. For more information about the access channel or to find out how to post information, call Tech. Sgt. Angelique McDonald or Ralph Monson at 652-5760.

# Great American Smokeout observed

**By Jennifer Valentin**  
Wingspread staff writer

The Great American Smokeout, Thursday, is a day when millions of Americans quit smoking for at least one day.

The nationally recognized event challenges people to stop using tobacco, while raising awareness about the effective ways to make a life change and quit for good.

According to the American Cancer Society, no matter what age a person starts smoking, or how long they have smoked, quitting helps the person live a longer life. For example, those who quit smoking at 35 live about eight years longer than those who continue to smoke.

Quitting smoking also helps stop the damaging effects of tobacco on a person’s appearance, including premature wrinkling, bad breath, stained teeth, bad smelling hair and yellow fingernails, said American Cancer Society officials.

Some of the other benefits of kicking the habit include food

tasting better, a person’s sense of smell returning to normal, and health and life insurance premiums lowering, officials added.

Another big incentive to quit is the amount of money a smoker spends on the habit, officials said. The average cost of smoking is estimated to be more than \$3,000 per smoker, per year, according to the American Cancer Society.

In recognition of the Great American Smokeout, the health and wellness center will be sending a person dressed up like a cigarette butt to various base units on Wednesday to help motivate smokers to quit.

Then, on Thursday, the HAWC is sponsoring a fun run at 11 a.m., where several frozen turkeys are going to be given away.

“The HAWC is committed to getting the word out to the base about the harmful effects of smoking, and the ways we can help smokers quit the habit,” said Pat Aguon, HAWC.

The HAWC also offers a four-week tobacco cessation

workshop, each month, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. The nicotine patch or Zyban is used in the workshop.

The Great American Smokeout began in the 1970s growing out of an event where a Massachusetts resident asked people to stop smoking for one day and give the money they would have spent on cigarettes to a local high school. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976 the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted almost a million smokers to quit for the day. This marked the first Smokeout, and it became a nationwide event in 1977.

Today, according to the American Cancer Society, about 47 million U.S. adults smoke. Fortunately, the past 25 years have shown changes in attitudes toward smoking and quitting the habit altogether, said American Cancer Society officials.

For more information on how to quit smoking, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or call the HAWC at 652-2300.

# Ro-Hawks get revenge

## *Randolph beats Nixon-Smiley 21-9 for district championship title*

By Lt. Col. Al Becker  
Ro-Hawks sports writer

Every Ro-Hawk remembers the 2002 season – Nixon-Smiley beat the Ro-Hawks at Mickler Field to eliminate Randolph from the playoffs. The 2003 Ro-Hawks (8-1, 4-1) exacted their revenge with a hard-fought 21-9 victory over Nixon-Smiley at Nixon Nov. 7 giving the Ro-Hawks sole possession of the District 29-2A championship for the first time since 1994.

The first quarter started with a bang. Nixon-Smiley’s Josh Garcia broke up the middle for a 50-yard run on the second play of the game putting the Mustangs deep into Ro-Hawk territory. Three tough defensive plays by Will Drew, John Greider Tim Stephens and Derek Copeland forced the Mustangs into a fourth and 9 but a 13-yard pass gave the Mustangs a first down at the Ro-Hawk one yard line. Two plays later, Garcia scored the touchdown. The PAT kick was good and the Mustangs took an early 7-0 first-quarter lead.

The Ro-Hawks handled the ensuing short kick-off at their 40-yard line. Dante Collins ran 13 yards for a first down in Mustang territory on the first play; however, the Mustang defense stiffened and the Ro-Hawks were forced to punt.

After a quick three-and-out and another short Mustang punt, the Ro-Hawks took advantage of great field position deep in Mustang territory. With Jade McArthur’s 20-yard run into the

### Tonight’s Ro-Hawk game

Randolph travels to South San Athletic Field to open the playoffs with a game against Dilly tonight at 7:30 p.m.

People can purchase tickets in advance for \$5 per adult and \$3 per student at Randolph High School. Tickets are \$6 at the stadium gate.

Randolph is the home team.

**Directions:** South San (2515 Bobcat Lane) is just south and east of Kelly USA. Take I-35 south of I-10, go past South Park Mall take exit 149 (Hutchins) and follow the frontage road. Take a right on Navajo and follow the curve to the left. Take a right on Barlite, go one block and take a left on Bobcat. The stadium is on the left.

end zone the score was tied late in the first quarter.

Both teams were unable to move the ball on their next possessions but after a Ro-Hawk punt, Mustang’s Garcia ran a QB draw for a 51-yard gain deep into Ro-Hawk territory. However, Copeland’s fumble recovery gave Randolph the ball back.

Dante Collins gained 50-yards on three plays to move the Ro-Hawks inside the Mustang 5-yard line. Scot Woodland was stopped just short of the goal line on the next play, but Collins completed the march with a 1-yard touchdown to give Randolph a 14-7 halftime lead.

The second half started with the Ro-Hawks running game in

high gear. Dante Collins, Zach Collins, and Jade McArthur combined for 51 yards on the opening drive to move Randolph inside the Mustang 10-yard line but a fumble gave the Mustangs new life.

Nixon-Smiley consumed most of the third quarter, gaining yards the hard way. They converted three third down plays to keep the drive alive to mid-field, but some tough Ro-Hawk defense highlighted by a Kyle Kuhl sack forced a Mustang punt.

After the Ro-Hawks were unable to consistently move the ball, a blocked punt gave the Mustangs great field position in Ro-Hawk territory. Two plays later, Dominic Brown intercepted a Mustang pass to stop the drive and swing the momentum in the Ro-Hawks favor early in the fourth period. Dante Collins ran 24 yards around end for a first down. The next play, Scot Woodland burst up the middle for a 24-yard touchdown giving the Ro-Hawks a 21-7 lead halfway through the final period.

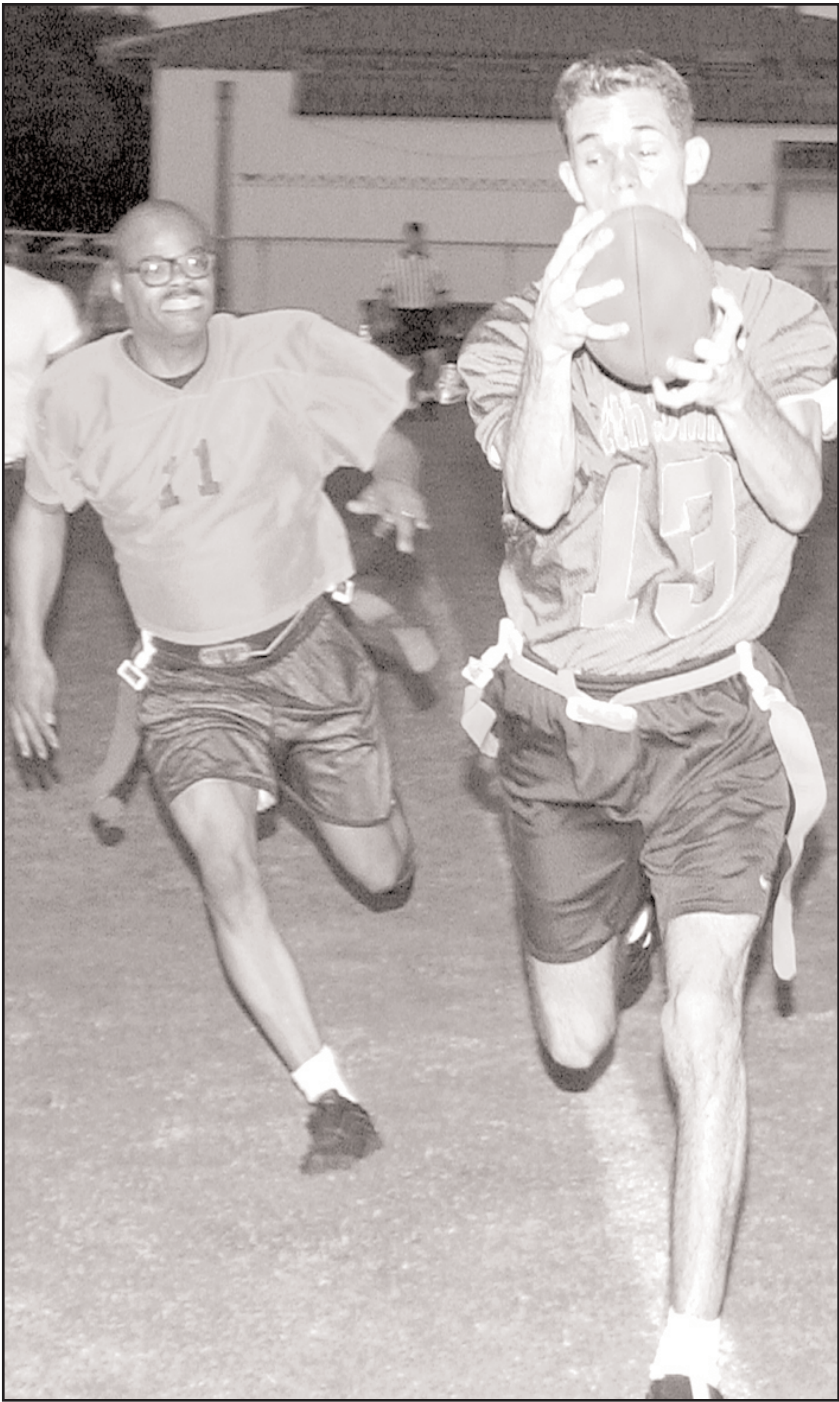
Mixing passes with running, the Mustangs pressed hard into Ro-Hawk territory after the kickoff, but Dante Collins stopped the drive with fumble recovery at the Ro-Hawk 20-yard line. The Mustang defense stopped the Ro-Hawks cold with an inspired defense. Forced to punt near their own end-zone, Ro-Hawk kicker Tim Stephens elected to take the safety rather than risk another punt block. The safety cut the Randolph lead to 21-9, which remained the final score.





(Top left) 12th Communications Squadron/12th Mission Support Squadron Quarterback Robert Smalls avoids defenders from the Air Education and Training Command Director of Operations team during the first round of the Randolph Intramural Football Playoffs Wednesday at the base football field. The 12 COMM/MSS team beat AETC/DO 25-7. (Top right) Smalls scores on a 4-yard scamper late in the game securing the victory. The quarterback threw two touchdowns, ran for one more, and converted on one extra point play. (Above photos by Master Sgt. Lee Roberts)

# COMM/MSS delivers playoff message with 25-7 drubbing of first-round foe



Justin Hochstein hauls in a touchdown pass to give 12th COMM/MSS a 6-0 lead early in its playoff game versus AETC/DO Wednesday. Linebacker Paul Daniel defends on the play. (Photo by David Terry)

**By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts**  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In the base’s intramural football playoff opener Wednesday, Air Education and Training Command Director of Operations pulled out every trick in its playbook. They ran an assortment of lateral passes-and-hook and ladder plays, but trickery and deception couldn’t produce a magical outcome.

The 12th Communications Squadron/Mission Support Squadron couldn’t be fooled. Their swarming defensive pressure and offensive firepower produced a 25-7 victory. It delivered a message to all the competition that they are primed and ready for a playoff run.

In the first half AETC/DO never reached midfield. Using smaller quicker defensive players to rush the quarterback, 12th COMM/MSS disrupted plays and hurried passes.

Meanwhile, Quarterback Robert Smalls used some trickery of his own to kickstart the scoring for 12th COMM/MSS. On their first drive of the game, Smalls threw to halfback Virgil Thompson who then hit receiver Justin Hochstein for a 10 yard touchdown pass and 6-0 lead. Smalls then passed to Adam Radford to convert on the extra point, extending the lead to 7-0.

After exchanging several four and outs, 12th COMM/MSS struck pay dirt again. Smalls broke away from the defense for a 40-yard scamper, followed with a 22-yard touchdown strike to receiver Stephen Rowell. The score remained 13-0 when the extra point try failed.

A change in strategy in the second half helped AETC/DO make a game of it. Moving the ball north and south up the middle of the field helped revive their offense. Quarterback Phil “Cheese” Byrd found receiver Vic Anderson to make it a one-possession game 13-6. Byrd then threw to David Allick on the extra-point conversion, making it 13-7.

Although AETC/DO’s defense began to clamp down, the 12th COMM/MSS offense continued to escape and move down the field on its next possession. Smalls avoided the rush and found receiver Phil Goodrich for a 38-yard gain. Again

Smalls found Rowell on a 37-yard touchdown. AETC/DO sacked Smalls on the extra point conversion.

AETC/DO frantically moved the ball down the field on the next possession as the clock became their enemy. However, the turnover bug ended any hope of catching up.

Fernando Perez Jr., made the defensive play of the game for 12th COMM/MSS. He intercepted a lateral pass with less than four minutes remaining to nail the coffin shut on AETC/DO. The 12th COMM/MSS tacked on one more touchdown on a Smalls 4-yard run in the closing moments for the 25-7 win.

Paul Wishart, 12th COMM/MSS coach, called this game the team’s best of the year.

“They tried everything and our defense adjusted,” Wishart said. “On offense we executed and minimized mistakes.”

Wishart said his quarterback played a great game and his quickness made the difference.

Smalls instead gave credit to his teammates. “Our defense won the ballgame,” he said. “My receivers played well too. I cannot do anything if they don’t get open.”

Sam Foster, AETC/DO coach, said his guys were open, but the team failed to execute. “We needed to hike the ball, throw the ball, and move the ball. We didn’t do it,” Foster explained. “We kept the ball in the backfield too long -- our trickery developed too slowly We had a lot of dropped passes. We beat ourselves.”

“I give them credit,” Foster continued. “They gave us a good rush. They were better than most teams we’ve faced.”

Don Grannan, AETC/DO middle linebacker and defensive lineman, said he alone missed three flags. “We couldn’t seem to grab their flags. We didn’t play well.”

Perez, the defensive hero for 12th COMM/MSS, said their defense proved they could play with anybody. “We practice against our quick quarterback. So we’re quick as opposed to big,” he said.

The 12th COMM/MSS had one kink in its armor, missing on three of four extra point conversions.

## Walk to Run class today

The next Walk to Run class is from 9 a.m. to noon today at the Health and Wellness Center. The class is geared toward individuals who want to be runners, and is designed to help them go from walking to running a 5K in three months with little or no injuries.

The class discusses style, form and proper stretching techniques as well as provides information to help people find good running shoes.

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

## Back school set for Tuesday

The physical therapist offers a back school to prevent further back injuries and ease problems with chronic back pain. The next class is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call physical therapy at 652-3137.

## Sports Briefs

### Running Symposium scheduled

The Health and Wellness Center is hosting the second part to its Running Symposium from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 21. Class discussions include: common running injuries, physical therapy options and treatments and current nutrition and supplements out on the market.

The class also touches on various training programs to include pace setting, hill training, speed work, race strategies, goal setting and advance form.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-2300.

### Nutrition for Everyday Living class set

The next Nutrition for Everyday Living class, designed to help people learn how to make healthier food choices, is 10:30 a.m. Nov. 24 at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

### Chung do Kwan class available

Chung do Kwan classes are available for \$30 per month, for up to five classes per week. Classes are from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the fitness center. The classes are open to anyone over 12 years old.

Those interested in enrolling may do so after first observing a class. Master Stephen Glass, a sixth-degree black belt, teaches the class.

For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316.